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Cover: Long known to the neighborhood as the sad-eyed sentinel of Columbine, the shop on Grant Avenue, Jack was not about to let weakened legs from degenerative myelopathy deter him from his duties. With the help of guardian Kathleen Dooley, Jack got some wheels to aid him in getting around. According to Kathy, he feels so good about his new mobility that he even tries to chase other dogs. **Photo is by Jon Ritt.**



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Gerry Crowley

Local football fans will never forget "The Catch" in 1981, when Dwight Clark hauled in a Joe Montana pass to earn the 49ers their first trip to the Super Bowl. And now, history will record, Telegraph Hill Dwellers and friends have "The Book." On Monday, November 5, 2001, Bill Seelinger, Arthur Chang, and Alex and Joe Luttrell greeted a truck which brought 94 cartons of *San Francisco's Telegraph Hill* by David Myrick from the Port of Oakland to a storage location on the 500 block of Green Street. Another 38 cartons had been delivered previously to City Lights Bookstore on Columbus.



Bill, Arthur, Alex and Joe provided the muscle to unload the 1,504 books in short order while I looked on. Lewis Shepherd acquired storage pallets for us.

The project of republishing, revising and adding new text and photographs took almost two years. THD webmaster Peter Overmire maintained our inventory of book orders and deposited checks for 11 months prior to The Book's arrival. I was so pleased to learn that he had also purchased delivery envelopes and mailers, and had produced labels for mailing and delivery. Special thanks go to THD's Larry Habegger, publisher of *Travelers' Tales*, who shared expertise with another THD member, Nancy Peters, co-publisher City Lights, to make The Book happen. My personal pleasure was to attend meetings with

them and lifetime THD member Lawrence Ferlinghetti, San Francisco's first poet laureate and founder of City Lights Bookstore and Publishing.

Former THD president, Joe Luttrell, an attorney and dealer in rare and scholarly books on the law, also joined the team to craft a formal agreement between the two co-publishers.

Phone calls to Myrick in Santa Barbara were also a joy, even when we held friendly, but opposing views about Telegraph Hill history. David is a treasure. Without him, The Book would not have happened.

Board member Audrey Tomaselli and I roamed the streets and alleys of North Beach, Telegraph Hill, Russian Hill and other parts of San Francisco to personally deliver more than 400 books on rain-free days in November and

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December. In addition, Peter Overmire transported another 40 books to the Presidio post office.

Officer Fred Crisp of Central Station is an on-call volunteer to carry cartons from our basement storage area to my car at street level so that I can fill future orders.

Let's raise a glass to the late Jack Early, whose bequest to Telegraph Hill Dwellers provided funding for this extraordinary project.

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The holiday season on The Hill had its usual sizzle, starting with our annual holiday party hosted by Jeffrey Pollack at Julius Castle. The buffet, the view and the camaraderie created a festive ambience. I don't ever remember a rainy day for this special December event at Julius Castle.

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Sadly, at the end of December, former THD President Bob Tibbits passed away. His passing gave me an opportunity to research the accomplishments of his terms in office, to see those accomplishments detailed in the Chronicle's obituary and death notice and to recall the help he gave me at the start of my first term as president in 1997. When I pled ignorance about the waterfront, one of Bob's passions, he conducted a Waterfront 101 class at his home for me and several others who needed enlightenment. As a member of a citizen's advisory group, Bob participated in crafting of the Waterfront Land Use Plan. During a two-year period, he attended more than 80 meetings before the plan was adopted. For almost five years, I lived less than half a block from Bob and Irene. I will remember

seeing him running on the streets of the Hill and along the waterfront. I will also recall his many trips to the Lombard Heights Market just before dinnertime, when he would stop by my illegally parked car to wish me luck in finding a parking space. I must ask Irene if he cooked dinner.

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Since the tragic events of last September, I have been aware of a deeper sense of commitment to community from residents, merchants and city departments. For example, when THD hosted a party for hundreds to celebrate the landmark designation for City Lights, many people, including police officers from Central Station, said that we need to have more events like that in North Beach. When Francis Ford Coppola

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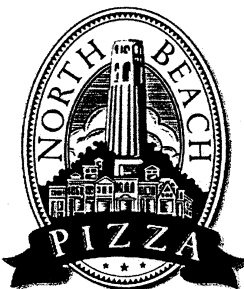
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cooked pasta for 600 of us at a fundraiser for North Beach Citizens, a nonprofit organization founded to address the needs of the homeless in North Beach, people again said that we need to have more events like that. The event was sold out two weeks in advance. O'Reilly's Irish Pub, sponsors of the March 30-31 Oyster and Beer Festival at Washington Square, are generously donating \$5,000 to Friends of Washington Square, an organization comprised of mostly THD members, in exchange for THD's commitment to provide beer servers at the festival. Another \$5,000 will be donated to North Beach Neighbors. It is my understanding that NBN will split that donation between North Beach Citizens and the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center. The festival will feature children's activities and Irish music.

Leo McLaughlin III, a THD member who now resides in Manhattan, emailed me recently to say that he would again donate his 10 primo Giants season tickets to Tel-Hi for fundraising. For the last 3 years, he has been a major, major donor to Tel-Hi, which continues to provide daily services to 100 seniors and 300 children.

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With a downturn in the economy and government budget reductions, community-based organizations need increased support from the private sector. It is my hope that our membership will consider this when they receive invitations to Tel-Hi's annual fundraiser which will be held at Teatro ZinZanni in May.

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Since December, Jan Holloway and I have represented THD on the North Beach Area Beautification Committee. DPW's senior management team has patterned this group after a similar group started by Al Baccari of the Fisherman's Wharf Merchants Association. We have been meeting bi-weekly with representatives from the business community, city departments and companies providing services to the city. Yes, we have differences and yes, we'll make mistakes but the more we have dialogue, the more we share the same points of view and the more determined we are to keep the North

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Beach- Telegraph Hill community clean. Suzanne Nelson and I are meeting with another small group of merchants, poets and artists who are discussing the feasibility of resurrecting the original Upper Grant Avenue Street Fair which began 50 years ago. As one person said after our first meeting, we are keeping the neighborhood spirit and sense of unity open and positive. **To be continued.**

Planning and Zoning Committee Report

By Nancy Shanahan

I. TEL. HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

(This historic district on the east side of Telegraph Hill was established in 1986 to preserve the largest group of pre-1870 structures in the City.)

1. 290 Union Street (Telegraph Hill Historic District)—In this ongoing saga, following the Planning Commission's action requiring the project to be brought into conformance with the former Landmarks Board and Commission approvals, the project sponsor refused to comply, and instead appealed the Planning Commission's decision to the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals heard the matter on January 9 and unanimously upheld the Planning Commission's decision.

2. The Heslett Compound—This collection of historic, pre-1906-earthquake cottages in the stairway garden along the Greenwich Steps is on the market and could be threatened by proposed development. We will be watching this one closely.

II. OTHER RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

1. 260 Chestnut Street—Regarding the owners' proposal to extend the rear of their home, a dispute with adjoining neighbors at 262 Chestnut has been resolved by compromise. The owners of 260 Chestnut agreed to cut back their addition by 4-1/2 feet (from a proposed 18-foot addition). THD's concern was (as was the case for an earlier project at 262 Chestnut) that the proposed development would further shade Jack Early Park in the morning hours. The compromise, along with the owners' agreement not to increase the height of the building or to build out on the east side of their home, will lessen the shading impact on the Park.

2. 201 Chestnut Street—This proposal to demolish an existing 6 unit (currently vacant) apartment building and to build in its place a large residence (with one additional unit) was presented to the Planning & Zoning Committee at its February meeting.

3. 12 Reno Place—The Planning & Zoning Committee heard a presentation at its December meeting of the owner's proposal to make further

changes to the approved plans for the still unfinished front facade and roof deck of this building, and to construct a "garage" for a small car within Reno Place in front of 12 Reno Place, in effect converting this historic wooden walkway into a "driveway." The owners of 10 and 12 Reno Place have also proposed closing off public access to Reno Place. The Committee indicated to the owner and the Planning Department that THD has serious concerns with these proposals.

4. 1456 Kearny Street—The Planning & Zoning Committee heard a presentation at its February 7th meeting of a proposal to demolish the existing house, which has recently suffered major fire damage, and rebuild on the site.

5. 1968 Powell St. (at Lombard)—An Internet cafe moved in to this location previously occupied by a small grocery store. Since this type of use is not allowed in a residential area, it appears to be an illegal use. The Planning Department is pursuing this matter.

III. NORTH BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

(In 1987, the North Beach Neighborhood Commercial District Ordinance was adopted to maintain the character of and mix of businesses in North Beach.)

1. 474 Columbus Ave.—After a long wait, this storefront that was vacated several years ago by Radio Shack, is getting a new tenant—an Italian candy store to be called "Z CIOCCOLATO". No special permits or conditional use authorization is required for this use.

2. 627 Vallejo Street (Rossi's Market)—With THD's support, Truly Mediterranean, a small, family-owned and operated business, is open for business and appears to be doing well. Try it out.

3. 637-39 Vallejo St. (Caffe Sempione)—A new full service restaurant is proposed for this vacant commercial space that was previously occupied by the Kamal Palace restaurant. Because the space has been vacant for over 18 months, a new conditional use authorization is required per the North Beach Commercial District Ordinance. A Planning Commission hearing has been set for February 21st.

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4. 1438 Grant Avenue (Savoy Tivoli)—Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) suspended the Savoy Tivoli's liquor license because it was a Type 47 license (for a restaurant) instead of a Type 48 license (required for a bar). In order to change from a Type 47 license to a Type 48 license, approval by the Police Department and the Board of Supervisors is required. This is an opportunity for the numerous nearby residents who have protested the excessive noise from this establishment to ask that approval of the required liquor license be conditioned upon the owner's undertaking soundproofing measures to control the noise. In discussions with the protestors, the owner agreed to hire a sound engineer to determine the best way to achieve a noise reduction.

5. 1351 Grant Avenue (formerly Figone's Hardware)—A new "Moderne" furniture store called "PARALLEL" has recently opened in one of the two original storefronts that was previously occupied by the old Figone Hardware. The original

entrance to the other storefront is being restored and the space is for rent.

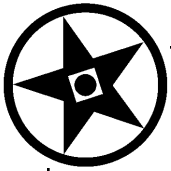
6. 701 Lombard Street (triangular parking lot bounded by Columbus, Lombard and Mason across from the North Beach Pool)—A project is proposed for this approximately 4,000 square foot site for the construction of a four-story, nine-unit condominium, 40 feet in height plus a roof deck, with two small ground floor retail shops at the Columbus Avenue building corners and nine interior ground floor parking stalls. The project is now undergoing preliminary environmental review. THD has expressed its concern that the proposed size could impact the adjacent North Beach Playground and may be out of scale and character with the surrounding buildings, and that the absence of retail all along the Columbus Ave. frontage is inconsistent with the requirements of the Planning Code and General Plan.

IV. NORTHEAST WATERFRONT

(Nan Roth represents THD on Port Advisory Groups and at Port Commission hearings.)

1. Pier 39—THD provided input at a public hearing

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held by Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) to consider changes to Pier 39's permit to operate in the public access areas. While BCDC did not address all of the concerns raised by THD, SF Tomorrow and other members of the public, the Commission did impose conditions that will 1) require Pier 39 to remove the private trampoline from the public access area, 2) impose some controls over the events and activities that can occur in East Wharf Park, 3) regulate the size and amount of signs placed by corporate sponsors of events, and 4) maintain a wider public walkway along Herb Caen Way as it passes through Pier 39.

2. Piers 27-31—The Mills Corporation is still in “exclusive negotiations” with the Port over its proposed development of these piers to include a sports/recreation facility (through the YMCA) with ancillary office and retail space. Although one of the

Port's primary conditions for this project is that it “*must be a development which is primarily, or principally, recreational, and not principally retail/office,*” a revised project recently presented to the Northeast Waterfront Advisory Group show an emphasis on office and retail instead of recreation. THD has joined with the citizen's Advisory Group and San Francisco Tomorrow in opposing the current plans for this development.

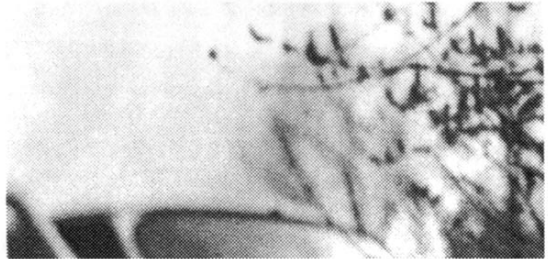
3. Proposed Hotel Project (at the Embarcadero and Broadway in the NE Waterfront Historic District)—Stanford's proposed hotel on these vacant freeway parcels gets more and more bizarre as it gets taller and taller. Still in “exclusive negotiations” with the Port, we understand that Stanford is now proposing an 85 ft high hotel (plus roof top features) on the parcel closest to the Embarcadero, and a separate parking garage on the parcel behind. THD has consistently expressed



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concerns over the proposal's height, size, massing, materials, compatibility with the historic district, and relationship to the contour of Telegraph Hill—in particular, THD has opposed a structure on this site whose height and mass would block views of Telegraph Hill from The Embarcadero.

4. 55 Francisco Street—This project involves a 2-lot subdivision of an approximately 48,700 sq. ft lot containing an existing office building fronting on Montgomery Street and a four-story, commercial parking garage fronting on Francisco Street. No formal proposals for the use of the site or the reason for the lot split have been provided by the owner, but is anticipated that the garage may be demolished for another development, thereby eliminating the parking currently used by the existing office building. THD is still awaiting a determination from the City Zoning Administrator regarding whether a recently approved lot split conforms with the Planning Code.

5. Northern Waterfront National Register Historic District—The Port has hired professional architectural historians to prepare a formal nomination of the Port's Northeast Waterfront (between Piers from Pier 45 on the north shoreline to Pier 48 on the east shoreline) to the National Register of Historic Places. THD has been working on this project for many years and is pleased to see it moving forward.

V. JACKSON SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT

(Established in 1972, this is the City's first historic district. The district is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.)

1. Special Commercial District Legislation Proposed—Supervisor Peskin will be introducing special ground floor commercial district-type controls to stop the conversion of retail spaces to office use and to encourage an environment more conducive to the type of retail activities that have been the history of Jackson Square.

2. 722-724 and 726-728 Montgomery Street (Belli Building)—At press time there is nothing new to report on the City Attorney's lawsuit against owner and Landmarks Board Member Nancy Ho-Belli for

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her failure to protect from deterioration these two 1850s Landmark buildings (City Landmarks No. 9 and 10).

VI. CITY LANDMARKS

1. The Colombo Building—Supervisor Peskin introduced a resolution at the Board of Supervisors initiating landmark designation for this historic building. The Landmarks Board has scheduled a hearing on the designation on Wednesday, February 20, 2002. Plans for the new North Beach/Chinatown campus that will incorporate, restore and rehabilitate the Colombo Building are underway.

2. Saints Peters and Paul Cathedral—The Archdiocese of San Francisco is proposing to repair and replace the stone material on the facade, which is badly deteriorated. At THD's request the Archdiocese hired a well known conservationist with expertise in the type of material involved to review the existing condition of the facade and to make recommendations as to preferred method and materials to be used in carrying out the work. THD supports the recommendations of the conservationist and appreciates the cooperation of the Archdiocese in this regard.

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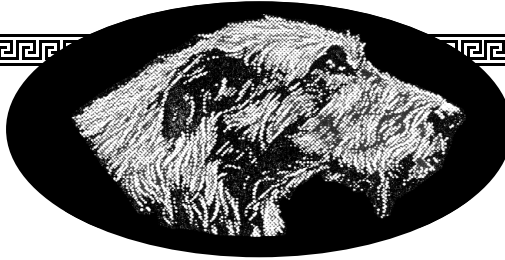
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Morton Beebe reports that the original edition of David Myrick's *San Francisco's Telegraph Hill* is now selling at Amazon for \$322 used. One of Morton's photos graces the cover of the new edition of the book. Other Beebe pix adorned the Gap's windows during the Christmas season . . . **GraceAnn Walden's** story, "Chocolate with Julia," about her first meeting with Julia Child, is included in the *Travelers' Tales* anthology, *Her Fork in the Road*. Grace writes that being published in this highly acclaimed series "is more thrilling than being a columnist for the *Chronicle* for ten years." . . . Avian Angels **David Davies** and **Jack Weeden** buy 100 pounds of birdseed

monthly for their wild feathered pals . . . Hooray! **Art** and **Marshall Dong** have signed a year's lease for **Speedy's**. We'll all have to put up with Art's lip for another year — and we'll love it!

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Beautification Committee News

By Jan Holloway

Have you noticed a general improvement in the state of our streets and alleys around North Beach and Fisherman's Wharf? Recently expanded efforts by the Department of Public Works and other city agencies have contributed to a cleaner neighborhood. Much of the credit for a full slate of projects must go to DPW Director Ed Lee, Deputy of Operations Mohammad Nuru, his assistant Tom Martin, and Supervisor Aaron Peskin.

Extra Attention to North Beach

The reduction in trash and litter, plus the improved look of the trees and public landscape areas, is due to the massive push that the combined forces of DPW, Rec Park, and the Police and Health departments have undertaken during the past several months. You may have also

noticed the Green Patrol, a DPW pilot program that assigns a permanent two-person team to maintain a specified area along the Columbus corridor. Extra cleanup assistance has also been provided after suggestions from a recently formed group of individuals from Fisherman's Wharf and North Beach.

North Beach Beauty Advisory Board

As representatives for THD, President Gerry Crowley and I have been attending meetings of the North Beach Beautification Advisory Group. Initially pushed last fall by merchants at Fisherman's Wharf, the project began as a move to beautify the popular tourist area. DPW took on a multi-action campaign of steam cleaning, repainting street striping and signage, decorative painting of garbage cans and general upgraded maintenance. Buoyed by the marked improvement there and with additional leadership pro-

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vided by Supervisor Peskin, Wharf merchants, together with North Beach residents, the police department, DPW, the health department and the mayor's office, have been gathering to plan for additional environmental improvements in North Beach and Chinatown. To date the following projects have been completed by DPW and Rec Park, with help from the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) and the Pre-Trial Diversion Program:

- * Newly painted trash receptacles on Columbus and Grant.
- * Steam cleaning along commercial corridors in North Beach, with 50 percent completion of residential areas.
- * Tree trimming and maintenance of tree basins at North Beach Playground and corner of Union and Stockton streets.
- * Additional landscape planting in Washington Square Park.
- * Newly painted street-striping, curb painting and the replacement of over 300 street signs.
- * Mechanical flushing of center islands on Columbus; curb lines from Broadway to Bay flushed nightly.
- * Stump grinding of dead trees on Columbus; loose cobblestones have been reset in a mortar base. Other current projects underway include:
- * Pruning of city trees within North Beach commercial corridor begins in February, to be followed by assistance to residents wishing to prune private trees.
- * SLUG has instituted a new manual street sweeping route in North Beach.
- * Pre-Trial Diversion Program has completed extensive graffiti removal in the North Beach area.
- * Paving begun on Grant Ave., with painting curb

sides and street signage to follow completion.

- * Proposals planning underway for expanded mechanical street cleaning program in North Beach.
- * Continued repainting of trash receptacles with colors selected by the Advisory Board
- * Presentation of new Adopt-A-Block plan (and signage), which would encourage merchants and private individuals to "adopt" some ongoing environmental responsibilities for a block in the North Beach business core. Details will be announced later.

At the recent advisory meeting, Lee remarked on the "need for the San Francisco communities to join the DPW movement to clean and keep the city clean.... Our initial efforts reflect pride and a partnership which has true meaning.... To do that we must ensure that our private and public agencies continue in joint efforts."

Another August Blitz

As I reported last year, the city and the DPW, responding to public outcry over the sorry state of the streets and the declining quality of neighborhood life, convened a Clean City Summit. Participants in that daylong symposium generated hundreds of ideas, many of which have been adopted as standard operating procedure by the department.

A significant undertaking was the district-by-district cleanup "blitzes," utilizing various city departments, neighborhood groups, schools and individuals. That campaign began in February 2001 and moved from one supervisorial district to the next. District 3's turn came in August. The consensus was positive and the program will begin anew this month.

Once again, District 3 neighborhoods will undergo an August blitz, with volunteers targeting litter, garbage, tree trimming, weeding, graffiti, etc. We were impressed with last years per-

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formance and hope for the same this year.

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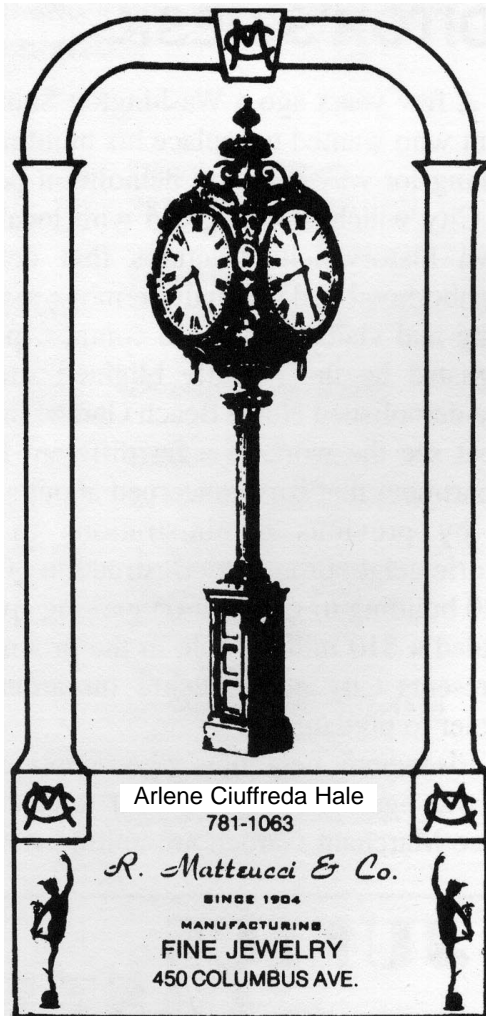
The 28-CLEAN project has been a success. The department encourages calls to its 24-hour-a-day hotline, 28-CLEAN (282-5326), to report anything requiring attention, from trash and graffiti to sidewalks requiring repair. Beautification Committee Our committee continues to assist ongoing city efforts. Please contact me if you have

suggestions concerning the beautification of the Hill or North Beach, or if you wish to become involved in some way. Conventional wisdom (the so-called broken-window theory) holds that people respect an environment that is consistently cared for. When things fall into disrepair, people stop caring and neighborhoods suffer. In other words, blight breeds blight. We hope that with the continued vigilance spurred by these new programs, we'll see ongoing improvement.

Greening the Greenwich Stairs

By Maya Armour

Starting at 8:00 a.m., and some working straight through until 3:30 p.m., the following volunteers made a huge difference in the appearance of the Greenwich Steps on October 3: Beth Collins, Rosemary Benda, Maya Armour, Rita Gonzales, Chris Thalgott, Judy Irving, Terry Forgette, Jackie Cordes, and Howard Munson. The volunteers cut back the overgrowth and dead shrubbery concealing two camps of homeless people and cleaned out the trash littering the garden along the Steps. Dozens of hypodermic needles were found, as well as a set of weights, a frying pan and a telephone. The volunteers coordinated with Tom Martin and John Reilly of DPW. DPW workers lugged the garbage—which would have filled several dumpsters—down the steps where a garbage truck hauled it away. Lewis Silcox donated the coffee and RJ Markets donated the donuts that gave these hard workers some sustenance. The volunteers would like to beautify the gardens and are looking for someone knowledgeable in gardening and/or landscape architecture who could develop a garden plan that the volunteers could then implement. (Interested parties should contact Maya Armour, 986-1474, MLArmour@pacbell.net).



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PROGRAM AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Suzanne Nelson

Our last two events of 2001 were well attended and very successful. In November, we held our general membership dinner at Caesar's Restaurant. We were fortunate to have Capt. Kevin Dillon of the SFPD speak and answer questions about local security issues in the wake of Sept. 11. Dinners at Caesar's are always very special.

The annual holiday party at Julius Castle went well, too, with about 200 members and guests in attendance. As always, we appreciate Jeffrey Pollack's hospitality, providing delicious food and a lovely setting for this popular event. Thanks also to members who contributed toys to the San Francisco Firefighters Toy Program.

We welcomed 2002 with a cocktail party in January, at La Bodega on Grant Avenue.

Although it was a cold night and winter illnesses kept many people away, there was lots of warmth inside with good company, food and drink. Music and flamenco dancing added to the festivities and some of our members revealed hidden talents when they joined in the dancing.

Many events are in the works for this year, so watch for your invitations and RSVP early. Also, we often hear of other local events at the last minute and can only notify those who are on email. If you have email but are receiving postcards, you might consider switching by notifying Tom Noyes, the Membership chair.

A big thanks to Social Committee members who have help with events and greet you at the door. We look forward to seeing you during this coming social season.



Photos by Billie Atlas

Maud Hallin, Howard Wong, and Joe Butler

GARFIELD SCHOOL NEEDS YOU

By Elizabeth Malloy

What makes a neighborhood a community? In our corner of the city, the short list would include an enthusiasm for neighborhood diversity, support of our independent businesses and camaraderie and stewardship evidenced by our interaction with inquisitive tourists and kindness towards our neighbors.

We have one very important neighbor who is especially appreciative of these acts of kindness: the Garfield Elementary School. Many of us who go to work early and come home late are unaware of the 230 students who descend on the school at Filbert and Kearny in the building many of us know only as our local voting station. The Garfield school represents what is best about our community: cultural diversity, history (it has

been around since 1929), illustrious alums (late Mayor Joe Alioto and current Police Chief Fred Lau both attended) and the constant growth, change and progress associated with children from kindergarten to fifth grade.

"At Garfield School, every child is everybody's child. The children are the future pillars of our society. It is our responsibility to develop each student's unique potential to its fullest. Think big! Think team! Dare to dream! Together we build the future."

- Karen Law, principal

Volunteering at the school is a way to participate, not only in our neighborhood but in the development of active, useful young minds. Because most of us are busy enough, the school is very flexible with its volunteers. All participation is appreciated, from one-time visits to holding down a teacher's assistant position. Principal Karen Law and volunteer coordinator Rayma Mui (contact information below) are available to discuss any of these opportunities.

Students benefit greatly by exposure to professionals. Doctors drop by to share information about public health or nutrition, and firemen discuss safety awareness. All professions have lessons to teach, interesting stories to share and valuable role-model experiences to be demonstrated in a half-hour session with these students.

Other volunteers provide information technology services in the classroom. The needs here are vast, ranging from questions regarding e-mail systems to setting up software on student computers to helping the older children learn the basics of doing research online.

A more traditional place to volunteer is in working with students to develop their reading skills. The literacy program is run in conjunction with the Success for All Program, which is

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*Please call either Karen or Rayma to discuss
opportunities before or after you have contacted
the Volunteer program.*

Success For All Program
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nationally syndicated and helps elementary students improve their reading and writing. Thanks to this program, as well as Law's considerable efforts, the school has raised reading and math scores from the mid 30s on the national percentile to above the district and national average. Volunteers work one-on-one with students, on a weekly basis. The focus is both on reading to the student and having him or her read, too, giving them valuable, personalized time to hear English spoken as a native language. This requires a half-hour commitment each week and is handled through the San Francisco School Volunteers Program. Note that reading tutoring generally takes place between 9:40 a.m. and noon.

Volunteers can also help out in the classroom as a teacher's assistant. At the kindergarten level, general assistance with the children is always needed. For the higher grades, assistants with knowledge on math, art or science are sought. A weekly commitment is expected here, and also needs to be handled through the San Francisco School Volunteers Program.

The San Francisco School Volunteers Program operates citywide, placing and managing volunteers in the public schools. Long-term volunteers need to complete a two-hour orientation session, show proof of a recent TB test and provide a reference. If you contact the program directly, please be sure to specify Garfield Elementary School, if that's where you're interested in volunteering.

If time prevents you from volunteering, there are other ways of helping the school. Donations of computer hardware (laptops, printers) are accepted. Office supplies and clothing (men's shirts for art smocks; children's clothing for 5-8 year olds to have on hand in case of youthful mishaps) can always be used. Contact Law if you would like to donate any items.

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For any questions about volunteering, or if you would like to propose some other activity, please call Law or Mui at the Garfield School to get the plan in motion.

The Oral History Committee needs a volunteer with a computer and typing skills to transcribe audio-taped interviews. Please call Audrey at 391-1792



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NORTH BEACH POOL & CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION MOVES FORWARD

By *Julienne M. Christensen*

The North Beach pool was built in 1927 on a site that, barely a half century earlier, had been a swampy shoreline area. The outdoor pool and a small, adjacent clubhouse were enclosed during the early '60s. But the slushy, earthquake debris-filled earth below the pool eventually began to compact, causing the pool to sink and thwarting the proper working of the pool filtration system. In the late 1990's, the Recreation and Parks Department was faced with the choice of making major repairs to the pool or having it closed down by the Health Department. RecPark and DPW developed plans to build a pier-supported pool within the envelope of the existing pool, and to make modest repairs to the old locker and staff rooms. With the passage of a parks bond in 2000, neighbors contacted RecPark General Manager Elizabeth Goldstein and asked her to consider additional improvements that neighbors felt were sorely needed. Ms. Goldstein and Capital Plan Manager Gary Hoy listened to the community concerns and agreed to a public/private effort, modeled on the Pioneer Park Project, to improve this important neighborhood resource. Volunteers applied for a grant through the Evelyn and Walter Haas Fund to subsidize the assessment and conceptual design process. Paulett Taggart Architects, a neighbor-

hood firm which had been working pro bono in the early stages of the project, was then able to spend more time coordinating the requests of staff, users and neighbors to develop plans for a renovated facility. The recently completed conceptual plans for the pool and clubhouse reflect the efforts of many. A project advisory committee, consisting of users, neighbors, RecPark staff and maintenance personnel, as well as other professionals and interested parties, helped develop guidelines and review the design proposals. Many community members participated in the various public meetings held about the project. Hoy and project manager Tony Leung have been provided with support and guidance. Taggart, along with staff members Chris Weir, John Jackson and Suzanne Greishel, have patiently gathered information, listened to the concerns and suggestions of various participants

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Letter to the Editor

Editor: Regarding the ongoing oral-history project on which *The Semaphore* regularly reports—which I champion as a historian—I hope readers are aware that a number of oral histories (16 to date) of Italian-Americans and others in North Beach were undertaken in 1998 for The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley. It is my understanding that those conducted by THD are added to the Bancroft archive. A complete list of those interviewed is available from myself or Bancroft's Regional Oral History Office, 486 The Bancroft Library, #6000, University of California, tel. 510-642-7395.

—*Judith Robinson*

The Semaphore needs a few good men and women to do small line drawings on neighborhood subjects for space fillers. Please call 392-4081 or e-mail madartist@redosegos.com

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and blended them into a truly beautiful, fun and functional community facility. Based on community preferences, the renovated natatorium will offer two separate pools to accommodate different activities, groups and temperatures. The warmer of the two pools will have a stairway along one whole narrow end, making access

easier for children, seniors and the disabled. The new pools will have state-of-the-art filtration systems and a rim flow type of gutter that greatly decreases wave action in the pool. New operable skylights in the natatorium will provide a view of the sky and, when used in conjunction with the existing windows, will provide a great natural ventilation system and significant energy savings. The structure covering the pool will be seismically upgraded. A sauna, the mainstay

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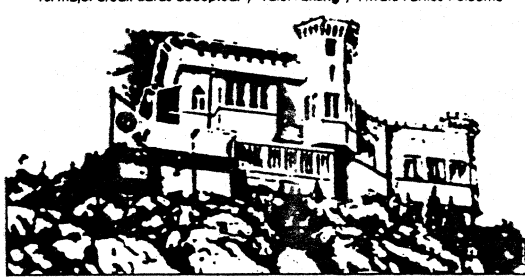
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From the Desk of Supervisor Peskin

By Supervisor Aaron Peskin

Progress continues to be made on many issues affecting Telegraph Hill, and although this progress is often not as fast as I'd like, it continues unabated. One recent example is the repaving of upper Grant Avenue—after several months of leaning on city departments to do so.



Recent improvements also include enhancing cleanup and maintenance of the neighborhood. We have started a pilot project called the “Green Patrol,” which concentrates on maintaining a certain portion of the North Beach commercial district: Columbus Avenue between Union Street and Broadway. The premise of this project is to make city employees responsible for all maintenance tasks in a certain area, includ-

ing steam-cleaning sidewalks, painting garbage cans, trimming trees and striping crosswalks. This Green Patrol program, based on a similar initiative in Paris, will be expanded if it proves successful along this stretch of Columbus. My office has also begun a North Beach Beautification Project—a partnership between the city and local businesses to make visible improvements to the neighborhood. The project is based on a recent, successful campaign in Fisherman's Wharf and will next move on to Chinatown. On a street-cleaning note, don't forget to call 28-CLEAN to report trash left on sidewalks, or to complain about a particularly dirty street. We have found 28-CLEAN to be a very responsive system.

Regarding an important local parking issue, we have finally received input from city depart-

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of similar European facilities, has been proposed. The existing cramped, worn locker rooms will be replaced with larger areas with showers, hairdryers, suit spinners and new lockers. The clubhouse, which was not scheduled for improvements in the original plans, will be enlarged. A larger main room will provide space for more ping pong tables, community meetings, or more tot care space, depending on the day and time. Alcoves at the edges of the main room can be used for doing homework or playing board games, while hosting crafts classes and other activities. New rest rooms with playground access will be built. The rec director's office will have better sight lines for greater supervision of the clubhouse and playground. The architects have just completed the design

development phase. The project has Phase One approval from the Civic Design Committee of the Arts Commission, and the approval of the Recreation and Park Commission. If proper funding and further approvals are secured, construction should begin next January. The North Beach Library is also scheduled for renovation. And volunteers hope to return their efforts to the original goal of improving the outdoor courts and play areas at Joe DiMaggio Playground. An enormous amount of work lies ahead, but we have a unique opportunity to improve our neighborhood's “back yard” and provide for children, teens, adults and seniors in the coming decades. Would you be interested in donating time, money, etc.? Contact Julie Christensen at julie@surfaces.com.

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ments regarding how best to reform the situation of street space parking being monopolized by construction contractors, and my office should be coming forward with legislation in the upcoming weeks.

As we address immediate concerns in the neighborhood, we also continue to focus on long-term planning aimed at preserving the quality of life in the area. My office is coordinating an effort to develop a Special Area Plan between Pier 35 and the Hyde Street Harbor. This long-term land use plan, a joint effort between the Port and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, will protect water

quality by monitoring land use adjacent to the bay. It also creates open space at the Triangle Parking lot, near the Franciscan Restaurant.

Working in conjunction with our office, the Port is also making progress in obtaining National Historic District status for the northeast waterfront, which will protect historic buildings in the area and preserve the maritime character of the waterfront.

As always please be in touch with my office as questions or concerns arise or: 554-7450 or aaron_peskin@ci.sf.ca.us. See you around the neighborhood.

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Reading on the Marina Green

By *Tom Noyes*

Many San Franciscans enjoy the Marina Green with its open expanse, walkways, benches and marvelous view of the bay. Telegraph Hill Dweller Richard Weissman enjoyed going there in the afternoons and reading quietly on the benches lining the walkway along the bay.

Richard passed away May 19, 2001, at the age of 55. To honor his memory and to enrich our city, Hope Weissman used the Commemorative Park Benches program sponsored by The Friends of Recreation & Parks. This program is designed to “dedicate park benches to enhance the beauty of the City’s parks and squares.” More information can be found at www.frp.org, or call 415-750-5443.

A candlelight ceremony was held at the bench on November 11 to honor Richard. A number of students talked about the impact of his

teaching on them. And friends remembered incidents where Richard touched their lives. Many of the nearly 70 people retired to fill Caffè Trieste to toast Richard and view the many photographs brought by Hope.

Our bench, a gift to us all from Richard and Hope, is located halfway along the bay walkway between the harbor master’s office and the Gulf station, near the water fountain, or where Fillmore Street would meet the bay. Be sure to pause there, enjoy the bay, and read or ponder what you have recently read.

A simple plaque on the bench, remembering what Richard loved best about this spot, reads: “By reading one can communicate with the greatest minds of all time.” Two other brief phrases finish the plaque. A simple Italian ‘ciao’ bids Richard farewell. And ‘BFF’—Best Friends Forever—is from Hope, Richard’s wife of 36 years.

Drinking Italiano

By *Shelley Lindgren*

With the past six consecutive vintages singing “Gloria-Alleluia,” Italian wines have readily become a household name again. Quality and price pair as nicely as Parma prosciutto and a semi-sweet Albana di Romagna.

Not since Virgil praised the production and consumption of wine has drinking Italian wines seemed so exciting. Rumor was that many of the great Italian wines were rarely exported, but times have changed. The contemporary wine world has grown smaller, as can be seen in our Italian microcosm of North Beach.

Caffè Roma’s owners, Tony and Kimberly Azzolini, started 2002 out right by offering about fifty selections of primarily Italian wines.. Customers purchasing a bottle (ranging from \$10-\$33) receive a complimentary espresso

drink. Plus, once a month, Italian wine experts profile four regions of Italy by sampling sold-out crowds on selected wines.

Late last summer the president of Masi winery, Sandro Boscaini, presented a vertical tasting of the many wines produced from Masi Agricola Winery. Thus began my love affair with Italian wine. “What’s in a name?” I thought as Boscaini described how Amarone grows on the west hills of Verona in order to receive as much sun as possible each day. Then, one of the vineyards where their grapes grew was from the Dante Alighieri lineage, now sold on the estate of Serego Alighieri. No wonder Italy is romanticized. It’s just plain romantic.

Having grown up in a world where California wines have emerged as a driving force, I find it

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THE FAMILY CORNER

Crissy Field

By Rebecca Taggart Aaland

A white egret flew under the footbridge as our kindergartners rode their bikes across, while a long-billed curlew fished in the sand below. Once over, my daughter and her friend spotted scores of children playing in the water. "Let's go swimming!" they shouted as they abandoned their bikes and ran over the sand, helmets still on their heads. The Golden Gate Bridge framed sailboats and windsurfers skimming across the bay. My friend and I stood still for a moment, awed by the magic and beauty of the scene.

Crissy Field, the Bay Area's newest addition to the Golden Gate National Parks system, is an amazing gift to all of us who live here. The meticulously restored shoreline, the walking and biking paths and several visitors' centers offer almost limitless adventures for children of all ages. Most surprisingly, the park offers something for any kind of weather, any time of the year. On a warm fall Saturday the girls

rode along the paved bike path that starts at the Marina Green and continues all the way to Fort Point. Although there were plenty of other riders, the divided bike path with adjoining pedestrian path kept everyone on track. Our girls felt safe, as there was plenty of room for faster riders to pass them.

We stopped at the Crissy Field Center, whose motto is "Many Ways of Experiencing Environment." Perfect for cold or rainy days, the media lab upstairs houses computers for exploring the Internet, environmental CDs and a host of system programs. The "Just for Kids" was a big hit. One of the girls donned headphones and played a game that taught her how plants grow. The other used the high-speed laser printer to create a 20-page environmental activity book with mazes, connect-the-dots and coloring pages. The center also has an art workshop, urban ecology lab and community kitchen,

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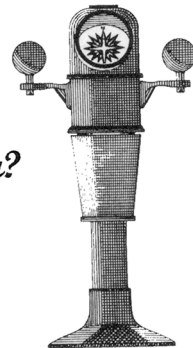
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and offers programs to suit every taste.

Up to four different family workshops are presented every weekend. Recent activities included making shadow puppets from recycled materials and then improvising a show; an evening campfire in the Presidio with hot dogs, marshmallows and stargazing; and a field trip to Muir Woods to study ladybugs. One Sunday each month, there is a free performance which explores cultures from around the world. There are walking and bicycle tours, great adult cooking and art classes, and history lectures. We had brought bathing suits for the girls in case they wanted to splash in the bay, but never expected to find a perfect swimming spot. Located just west of East Beach, water from the tidal marsh creates a relatively warm, shallow swimming area as it drains into the bay. The girls swam, hunted for crabs and built sandcastles. Even baby Ana enjoyed splashing in the water. The parade of dogs on East Beach provided additional entertainment, while not crossing over an invisible boundary to the swimming area. On another visit the sky was overcast.

When raindrops began to fall we went into the adjacent Warming Hut and were delighted to find hot chocolate and bags of miniature cookies. There were also salads, fantastic homemade soup and grilled sandwiches on the menu, as well as light breakfast selections. Alice Waters served as a consultant to the Crissy Field Center and the Warming Hut cafés, and her influence is apparent in the organic ingredients and the delicious simplicity of the fare. The kid's menu, which includes a grilled cheese or pb&j sandwich, organic carrot sticks and drink, is a bargain at \$2.50. Excellent espresso and café lattes are available for flagging parents.

The book store is even better stocked with kid's stuff than the Crissy Field Center, with everything from books to wooden puzzles to rain boots. A short walk away is the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary visitor center, which houses information about the sanctuary, marine species and a touch tank. Ten-year-old docents love explaining the exhibits to other kids.

Wind is common at Crissy Field, but on a third visit it did not deter the kids at all. They bravely rode bikes upwind, and then literally flew with the wind on the way back. They did summersaults on the grassy expanse of the old airfield. Near the Crissy Field Center they rolled down a grassy slope with a spectacular vista of San Francisco and Alcatraz as a backdrop. We even found several spots to hide from the wind and picnic.

Walking past the lagoon, we looked over the restored sand dunes and thriving native plants and realized this is what the peninsula looked like before San Francisco was built. When our eyes drifted upwards, there was the Golden Gate, ever present at Crissy Field, and we were drawn back to the present and the fact that everything around us had only very recently come back to its natural state. What a gift! One we will use again and again.

We Remember Robert Tibbits

By Termeh Dimi Yeghiazarian

Robert Tibbits, a long time resident and community activist of Telegraph Hill, died on December 22 at the age of 71 after a five-year battle with cancer. Bob, who lived on Telegraph Hill for 35 years, served two stints as president of THD, during which he successfully opposed construction of a parking garage beneath Washington Square Park and fought for a ban on sightseeing helicopters at Fisherman's Wharf. Current THD President, Gerry Crowley, credits Bob for her education on the Water Front Land Use Plan and praised him for his love of our neighborhood and his devotion to residential design character.

Bob is survived by his wife Irene, son Ross, brother Donald, and sister Betty Ann Prichard.

A memorial service was held at Grace Cathedral on Jan. 24. Donations may be sent to the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center, 660 Lombard St., San Francisco 94133, or the American Cancer Society.

PARROT NEWS

By Judy Irving

Last issue we promised an update on Phoenix, the baby cherry-headed conure who came into our care via Bea Taggi, Sally Gould, and Bill Seelinger. Although she's still clumsy and might have permanent nerve damage, Phoenix can now fly. She likes to zoom around the room a foot off the floor in a wild circular flight pattern, like a rocket gone nuts. Her tastes are broad and enthusiastic — Thai curry, soy milk, almond butter, pine bark — and her cuddle-muffin personality is now cut with cherry-head feistiness, as she flings herself on Filbert, the orange-fronted conure, and Sweetheart, my 12-year-old cockatiel. Though smaller, Filbert can easily fend her off, and Sweetheart, quicker and more adept in the air, simply flies away. But it gets crazy in that room sometimes, especially when the wild parrot flock perches outside in the cherry tree and everybody starts screaming. Phoenix is molting (getting new feathers), and her head is now mottled red-and-green. She likes to lie on her back in the palm of your hand and look serenely up at you with big parrot eyes, clear now, and very trusting.

Mark Your Calendars

By Judy Irving

Two events "for the birds" are coming up this spring. Both events are free, and both are at the San Francisco Main Library's Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin at Grove, Civic Center: 1) Mark Bittner will narrate a new slide show and read from his book-in-progress at an event entitled "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill: Slide Show and Author Reading" on Saturday,

May 11th, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. 2) I will show a rough cut of my feature documentary-in-progress at an event entitled "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill: The Movie" on Saturday, June 8th, from 2 to 4 PM. I invite your feedback at this midpoint in the editing, and will ask that you fill out a simple questionnaire which will help me arrive at a final version. (For more information call the library at 557-4596.)

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A Tales of Two Temples

By Wilma Pang

They were hard-working women — indentured slaves, really — but through perseverance and penny-pinching they were eventually able to buy two buildings in Chinatown to house their temple, the first of its kind in the United States.

One, the former Korean Presbyterian Church, sits next to the Chinatown branch library on Powell Street. The other, older building is nearby at the corner of Powell and Washington. And that one is the problem. It is constructed of unreinforced masonry and needs an earthquake retrofit, a job which is expected to cost around \$150,000.

So these women — those who survive, for most are now in their eighties and very frail — are faced with a new challenge. It may be too much for them.

The founder of the two temples was no spiritual leader. She was Beatrice Bak, who arrived in the United States on a contract that essentially sent her into indentured servitude. When the contract expired in the late '50s, Bak found work as a seamstress in a Chinatown sweatshop. It was there that she met other women to willing join her and start a place of worship in the traditional folk religion, a combination of Taoism, Buddhism and folk gods. They continued working twelve hours days in the sweatshop while spending the evenings—often until 1 or 2 a.m.—at the original one-room temple in a Chinatown alley.

Over the years they saved money, enough finally to buy the three-story masonry building on the corner of Washington and Powell. Fifteen years later in the early '90s, when the

Korean church went on the auction block, they bid for that as well, although the property attracted many offers, including substantial bids from the city of San Francisco and Daphne Mortuary. In the end, church officials decided to offer it to the temple at well below market value. Again, these mostly illiterate women pooled their meager resources to make the down payment.. The grand opening of the new temple was held October 12, 1997. Beatrice Bak's dying wish for the first Jade Emperor Temple in the United States was at last a reality.

But the retrofit threatens to undermine everything. They are too old and too weak to take on a campaign like this. And the deadline for completing the work is approaching fast.

I am really touched by the spirit of these "village women." They did not go out and protest how society had treated them. Instead, they quietly struggled, persevered and succeeded in a big way. Who could have guessed the temples were not funded by big money either abroad or locally, but penny by penny saved by these determined women? Can anyone help them? If this story interests you, please e-mail Panasian@jpl.net or telephone 415-296-8701.

Thanks, Mary

Mary Nelson, *The Semaphore's* copy editor for the last two years, could spot an errant comma from a mile away. She massaged, whittled, and squeezed pieces with speed and skill. But all good things must end. Mary recently resigned to devote more time to being president of the District 3 Democratic Club. THD thanks Mary for all of her hard work and welcomes her replacement, Tony Long.

THD Board Resolutions

November	None
December	No meeting
January	None

Help Us Save Money!

In addition to your quarterly issue of *The Semaphore*, all members are informed about THD events either by email or postcard. However, every membership that provides an email address saves THD about \$3 or more a year in postage. As a bonus, we are able to inform you of other non-THD local events which you may find interesting.

If you have an email address but are still receiving social and other event notices by postcard, we encourage you to provide THD with your email address. You can do so easily by emailing Tom Noyes, our Membership Chair, directly at tom@noyesfamily.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified rates are \$20 for 4 line, \$30 for 5-7 lines. Please call 788-8667 to place an ad. Next deadline is May 1.

Expressive Arts Workshops for Helpers/Healers

Giving out a lot? Missing a sense of play? Connect to your creative life force through art, movement, sound, writing, improvisation. First Sat. of the month
10:30 am-1:00 pm. \$25
**255-4257 Tina Smelser MA, MFT
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#29304**

DRINKING ITALIANO *continued from p. 24*

refreshing to meet great people whose families have been producing wine longer than the U.S. has existed. More than thirty years ago, Robert Mondavi was partaking in wine tastings at The Basque Hotel Restaurant on Romolo alley. Would he have thought that one day he would merge into a wine business with Marchesi de' Frescobaldi or Rothschild? Mondavi quintessentially raised the bar of wine quality and production all over the world and fortunately, in our own arena. The truth is that wine is like everything else in life, work in progress always with room for improvement.

If we live in the moment, it's a good time to enjoy a bottle of Italian wine. So, we have some good choices to choose from here in North Beach. It's so easy to pick up a bottle while waiting for a call number at Molinari's, or shuffling up to the bar at Rose Pistola, where they offer fifteen Italian wines by the glass, or stopping by Coit Liquors and asking the knowledgeable staff for wine that fits the occasion—quaffing to celebratory.

Living in North Beach, we have all the fixings to create lovely Italian meals at home. Making pasta, like gnocchi, at home and pairing it with an Italian wine that accompanies the sauce and personal taste renders a sense of satisfaction. Wine is vitally tied to food in Italy.

Wine drinkers are always trying to find the upside to alcoholic intake. Some believe red wine is good for the heart. Studies have found that wine consumption can have an inverse affect to cholesterol levels, and drinking wine aids digestion. My belief is that almost anything is okay in moderation. So, by all means, drink Italiano!

Shelley's a certified sommelier; working at Fleur De Lys for the past six years and will complete her culinary certificate at Tante Marie Cooking School in mid-March.

You May Have Noticed . . .

By Tom Noyes

We have made a few small changes in the membership dues notices and mailing labels. We have removed membership renewal dates from *The Semaphore* because some members found them confusing. The dues notice forms have been changed slightly to allow entry of a second email address and to encourage you to give us an email address because of the ongoing cost savings to the organization. The committee check boxes have been simplified to show only the major committees. Subcommittees are now handled by the committee chair. You can express your specific interest to them. Hopefully you will find that these changes make our communications with you clearer.

**Save the Date! General
Membership Meeting,
Monday April 8.
Program Feature:
Mini Art Auction!**

THD Welcomes New Members Nov. 2001 to January 2002

Wendy & Erik Anderson, Lynne Averill, Richard Clark, Kay Dienstag, Maurice Edelstein, Jim & Betsy Flack, Paula Habegger, Tanya Hoffmoen, Claire McGhee, Dail Miller, Michael & Judy O'Shea, Travis Rivers, Patric Steele, and Robert Warren.

For a Voice in Your Neighborhood Join Telegraph Hill Dwellers.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Sign Up or Sign a Friend Up as a member of Telegraph Hill Dwellers.

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PHONE _____ EMAIL: _____

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR 1-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Individual \$25 ____ Household \$40 ____ Senior (age 65 and over) \$15 ____

THD COMMITTEES NEED YOU

You can make a difference! Join one of THD's committees, meet and work with your fellow Hill Dwellers to improve life on the Hill.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Parking and Transportation. Chair, Bill Seelinger, 392-8450. Promotes efforts to ease congestion, optimize white zones, upgrade public transportation. Works with Department of Parking and Traffic.

Planning and Zoning. Chair Nancy Shanahan, 986-7094. Monitors and reviews proposed development projects for consistency with applicable City ordinances. Works with Planning Department staff and represents THD before the Landmarks Board, Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator and other regulating bodies to protect historic resources and maintain neighborhood character. Assists members to learn more about and participate in planning and zoning issues.

Semaphore. Editor Cheryl Bentley, 392-4081. The editor and staff produce a quarterly magazine for THD members.

Program. Chair Suzanne Nelson, 986-6210. Arranges social events, including quarterly membership meetings and get-acquainted social functions.

Budget. Maya Armour, 986-1474. As prescribed in bylaws for Treasurer.

Membership. Chair Tom Noyes, 981-8520. As prescribed in bylaws for Financial Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

Parks and Trees. Chair Julie Christensen, 552-7774. email julie@surfaces.com. Information and projects concerning local parks, green spaces and street trees.

Neighborhood Beautification Jan Holloway, 398-2055. Creates opportunities to improve, beautify, and preserve the Hill. Through its awards program, recognizes individuals and businesses who enhance our neighborhood. Facilitates cleanup, gardening and graffiti removal.

Oral History Project Chair Art Peterson. 956-7817. Taped interviews provide historical documentation of living and working in the neighborhood.

Pioneer Park Improvement Project. Chair Howard Wong, 982-5055. Work party volunteers enhance the open space around Coit Tower, improving accessibility and safety through planning, landscaping work parties and fundraising.

THD Web Page. Webmaster Peter Overmire, 989-3945. Shared information about meetings, local concerns and events.

LIAISONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods. Representative Gerry Crowley, 781-4201. City-wide organization interacts with other neighborhoods to discuss common problems.

N.E.R.T. June Fraps, 392-1187. Energizes members to take emergency disaster response training program sponsored by the City.

WEB SITE =
www.thd.org

That's Us! Pete Overmire (989-3945), a longtime THDer and former officer has set up this site for Telegraph Hill Dwellers. Access it to see the sensational look he has created, impressive to local and international browsers alike. Lend him photographs and graphics relevant to the Hill that he can scan in. Call or e-mail information about upcoming meetings in the neighborhood and at City agencies, and ideas and concerns you want the rest of us to know about between Semaphores.

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T H D C A L E N D A R

2nd Saturday Stair & Garden Work Parties, April 13th, May 11, June 8. Meet at Pioneer Park. For more information call 552-7774.

MARCH

THD Cocktail Party
30-31, Oysters and Beer Fest.,
Wash. Square Park, 11:00– 6:00

APRIL

General Membership Dinner

MAY

11, 2:00–3:30, SF Main Library,
Slide Show and Book Reading on

the wild parrots by Mark Bittner

JUNE

8, 2:00–4:00, SF Main Library,
rough cuts from film on SF's wild
parrots by Judy Irving

Look for your invitations for
exact times and locations as
well as additional events.

Dates and locations subject to change.

Schedules of Committee Meetings

PLANNING & ZONING: First Thursdays. Call for time and location.
986-7070.

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION: 2nd Saturdays at 11 AM at Little
City Restaurant, Union and Powell Streets.

For more information, log on to
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